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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS



LIGHT OF FAITH White lanterns glowing in the dark and giving light to the University of the Philippines' Oblation in Diliman, Quezon City, may also symbolize the undying spirit of people who have suffered the brunt of Tropical Storm "Sendong" in Mindanao.

LIFESTYLE
The year the Theater Artist cried 'Ouch!' / C1

ACROSS
Fashion designer shot dead in Cebu / A17

LEARNING
is taking a school break. It will be back on Jan. 9, 2012

Deadly mix for disaster

No flood warning, high tide, darkness

By Inquirer Staff

THE ABSENCE of a flood warning, high tide, darkness and a false sense of security proved disastrous for people of northern Mindanao when Tropical Storm "Sendong" came over the weekend.

Add illegal logging, rapid urbanization and mining, and the result was deadly for residents of Cagayan de Oro and Iligan cities, government and Red Cross officials said.

Entire villages were washed away, homes flattened, bridges broken and vehicles upended.

The death toll from the flash floods yesterday rose to at least 711 in Mindanao. Hundreds remained missing.

The Philippine Red Cross (PRC) said it was a combination of factors that led to the tragedy.

"It's unusual for Mindanao; a month's worth of rainfall fell in only a few hours; people were already asleep; the storm hit pineapple plantations that can't absorb water; it was high tide and waterways were heavily silt-

DISASTER / A20



WIPEOUT Rampaging waters from the Cagayan de Oro River swept away this entire community of some 400 households in Sitio Kala-Kala, Barangay Macasandig, in Cagayan de Oro City.

Survivors tell tales of nightmare, fear, panic

By DJ Yap

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—The morning after showed the extent to which "Sendong" had brought this proud city to its knees.

Despair was etched on many faces in the village of Tibasak as residents sifted through the mud and debris, retrieving whatever they could salvage from the banks of the Cagayan de Oro River littered with the ruins of houses and dreams destroyed.

Unaccustomed to a disaster of this magnitude, residents strove to pick up the pieces of their lives torn by the storm in a matter of moments.

They told stories of a nightmare, the fear and panic as they fled walls of thick muddy water swirling around them under the pounding rain, sweeping away people and things with abandon.

They spoke of tragedy, of loved ones lost, of broken dreams and shattered hopes.

SURVIVORS A22

2 rivers swallow island villages

By Kristine L. Alave
in Manila
and Ryan D. Rosauro
Inquirer Mindanao

RESIDENTS of Isla de Oro, an islet at the mouth of Cagayan River that was swept away by flash floods from Tropical Storm "Sendong," did not stand a chance against Mother Nature.

Those of another island at the mouth of the Mandulog River in Iligan City were also carried away by surging water. Less than a third of the families living there before the deluge have been accounted for.

Officials said there should be no people on Isla de Oro. Environment Secretary Ramon Paje said the area was not an island but a sandbar.

It was formed by accumulation of sand and silt at the mouth of the Cagayan River, where the freshwater meets the sea water of Macajalar Bay.

Thus, when Sendong con-

ISLANDS A20

Aid from local, foreign donors pours in; Pope, US condole

By Jaymee T. Gamil
and Jerome Aning

THE SPIRIT of sharing and giving in a time of tragedy is under rest in this holiday season.

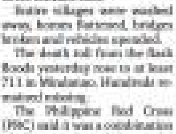
Barely a week before Christmas, aid from Philippine and foreign donors began pouring in yesterday for victims of last weekend's devastating Tropical Storm "Sendong" that killed hundreds of people in northern Mindanao and the Visayas.

As Pope Benedict XVI prayed in the Vatican for the victims and the United States expressed its condolences, the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) sounded an appeal for cash and other donations to help the victims and their families.

The Philippine Daily Inquirer also announced it was accepting help for those who suffered. (See related story on Page A22.)

Over the weekend, the PRC was able to raise P10 million in donations. But with the full extent of the tragedy still being assessed, it appealed to corporate

AID FROM A22



Need Corona's SALN? Ask SC

By Marlon Ramos

NO FISHING expedition allowed.

President Aquino and others demanding the public disclosure of the statement of assets, liabilities and net worth (SALN) of

NEED A18

Rule of stampede in Corona trial

By Amando Doronila

ANALYSIS

ALL EYES are on the Senate in the run-up to the impeachment trial of Chief Justice Renato Corona on Jan. 16.

The focus of public attention—and concern—started to shift to the Senate after the House of Representatives approved in a record-smashing time of less than three hours a move to impeach Corona.

The breath-taking and summary manner in which the House majority, composed of pro-Aquino administration parties, rammed the articles of impeachment through the chamber in one day and transmitted it to the Senate the following

RULE A18

Second FRONTPAGE

SUPER LOTTO 6/49: 3 4 9 17 38 45 — P16,000,000.00

Joke may have sparked Senate coup talk

By Christine O. Avendaño and Cathy C. Yamsuan

WHAT PLOT?

Started at a party

P-Noy, Mar's joke

Drilon: Nothing to it

Back to Estrada


'Pag tunay... natural, original!
ORIGINAL
Mula sa puno, piling-piling pinitas ang prutas na punong-puno ng proteksiyong pangkalusugan. Ito ay may sariwang katas ng tunay na Garcinia mangostana na nagbibigay ng lakas laban sa iba't-ibang klaseng sakit na
hindi masakit sa bulsa. Pero hindi lahat ng puno ay tunay at sariwa kung tingnan ngunit kulang at iba ang lahan. Kaya huwag magpadala sa iba. Hanapin ang tunay at original.
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INVITATION TO BID

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Brief Description	[illegible]
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Special Bids and Awards Committee for Phase III, Power Infrastructure Projects

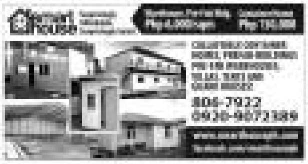
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Suarez to fight for solons' pork

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Film body vows prudence in spending











Vets unaware of hospital aid–COA



The Daily Gospel



Shell cuts diesel, kerosene prices

PILIPINAS Shell Petroleum Corp. has slashed the price of its diesel by [illegible] centavos a liter and of kerosene by [illegible] centavos [illegible] effective today.

The latest price adjustment reflects the downward trend in world prices of petroleum products. This, according to Energy Undersecretary Jose M. Layug Jr., was due to dampened demand for diesel last week compared to the previous week's take up.

Other oil companies have yet to announce their price adjustments.

This week's rollback followed consecutive increases in pump prices. *Amy R. Remo*

Rule of stampede in Corona trial

Balance of power shifts

Presidential interference

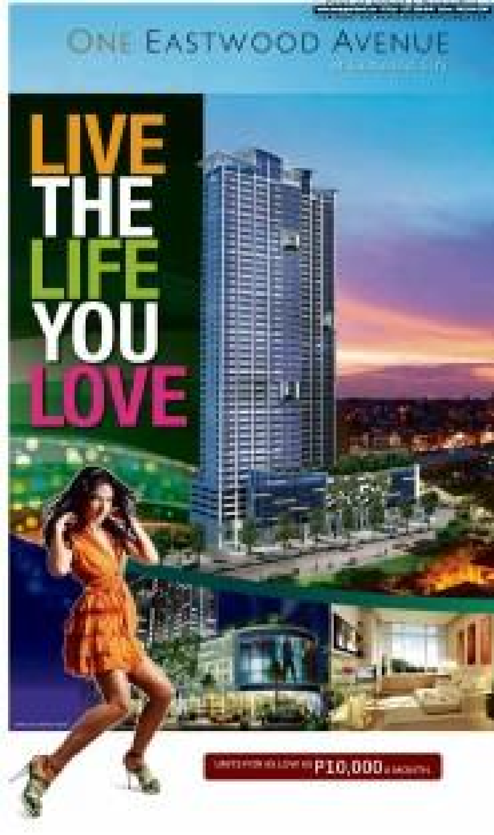
Challenge for the Senate

Is Senate next?

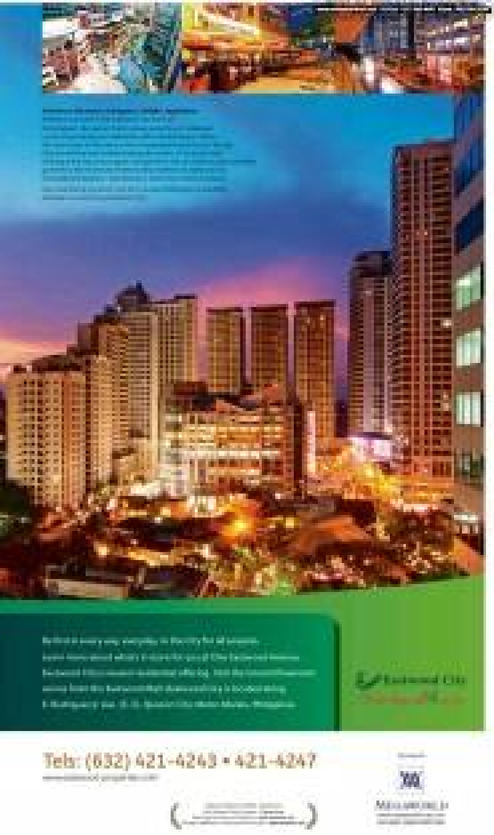
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Reckoning

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Smuggling saving us from food shortages

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

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Save the Supreme Court

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

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What to expect in the Corona impeachment

SOUNDING BOARD

Fr. Joaquin G. Bernas, S.J.



I'll be seeing you

KRIS-CROSSING MINDANAO

Noralyn Mustafa



The 'only boss' at battleground of principle

COMMENTARY

Oscar Franklin Tan

My name is Oban and I am a soldier

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan



'Rehashed make-believe suit'

—MRS. CRISTINA ROCO CORONA

P-Noy off-track from campaign promises, priorities

—RY CHOHUL

LETTERS

False 'gospel' of const'l crisis

—NESTOR S. PADILLA

Import ban favors smugglers

—HOMOBONO A. ADAZA JR., president, Consumer Rights Organization Philippines Inc.

Across the NATION



Masbate under tight PNP watch

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Missing 'lumad' woman surfaces

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Fashion designer shot dead in Cebu

Australian partner killed self, say cops

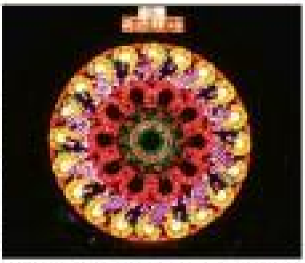
CEBU CITY—A noted fashion designer in Cebu was killed by her Australian live-in partner who later committed suicide inside her house in Mandaue City on Saturday night.

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Rains fail to stop giant lantern fest





REMOVE CORONA TO SAVE OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM

Chief Justice Renato Corona and his apologists claim that President Noynoy Aquino, by speaking out against Corona's excesses, and Congress, by impeaching him, are destroying the Supreme Court as an institution.

But nothing can be more removed from the truth and the Filipino people know it.

Contrary to this self-serving claim, the impeachment of Mr. Corona is the necessary response to his continued abuse of the Office of the Chief Justice to protect his long-time patron, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, from any and all attempts to bring her to justice.

The impeachment is not an attack against the Supreme Court or the judiciary. It is, rather, an attempt to restore integrity to these institutions whose credibility and impartiality have been severely undermined by the machinations of Mrs. Arroyo and her lackey, Mr. Corona.

Described as "Walking Constitutional Violation," Mr. Corona is a cancer that is slowly yet surely killing our justice system. Mr. Corona is a malignant tumor that must be excised with the scalpel of impeachment if the Supreme Court, and the judiciary, are to regain a healthy measure of trust and confidence from our people!

As P-Noy has so eloquently said:

"With the manner in which Lady Justice's blindfold has been repeatedly and brazenly ripped off, we need to ask ourselves: for how long must we bear it, up to when must we tolerate it, and how much longer can we be expected to be patient?"

"In the face of such overwhelming evidence, can we have any illusion Mr. Corona can change? We have become convinced that when it comes to Mrs. Arroyo, Mr. Corona has lost the ability to distinguish right from wrong."

"Our efforts (to tread daang matuwid or the path of righteousness) would be worthless if, even before we reach the courts, the scales had already been tipped against us. The truth could not be clearer: Mr. Corona was appointed to the Supreme Court not as an instrument of justice but as a disciple of Mrs. Arroyo."

Whether through his midnight appointment or his steering other Arroyo appointees in issuing a brazenly pro-Arroyo temporary restraining order (TRO), Mr. Corona has perverted the once-noble purpose of the Supreme Court!

Mr. Corona has repeatedly trampled upon the judiciary to satisfy the need of his boss, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, so as to escape prosecution for her many crimes against the Filipino people.

It is high time that the corruption of the Arroyo regime be cleansed from the Supreme Court and the judicial system, so that these institutions can once again perform their noble function of delivering justice to every Filipino.

CORONA HAS TO GO IF THE SUPREME COURT IS TO BE RECLAIMED FOR THE PEOPLE!

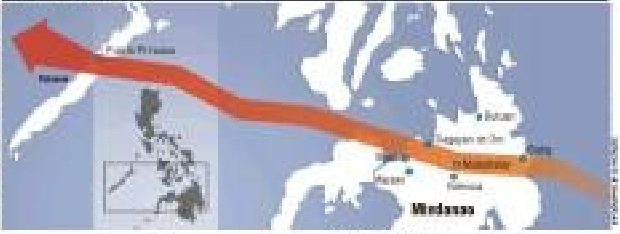
REMOVE CORONA TO RESTORE THE PUBLIC'S TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN THE SUPREME COURT!

REMOVE CORONA AND SAVE OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM!

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Deadly mix for disaster

IN HARM'S WAY



Deforestation

Urbanization

Less water than Ondoy's

Educate people

Accountability

Survivors

Bukidnon

Water crisis

IN THE KNOW

Deadliest typhoons in the Philippines

Name	Date	Affected Areas	Casualties	Damage in billion pesos
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2 rivers swallow island villages

Bayug survivors

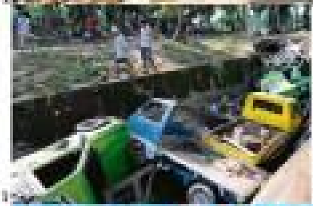
Sleeping

Fire victims

Part of river

Rivers, tributaries





VEHICLE DUMP Residents walk past mangled vehicles along a canal in Cagayan de Oro, a day after Tropical Storm "Sendong" wrought havoc in the city.

RIVER SURGE A house is knocked away by rampaging waters from a river in Sitio Kala-Kala, Barangay Macasandig in Cagayan de Oro.

RETRIEVAL WORK A man carries steel bars from mangled homes collapsed in Cagayan de Oro. Behind him are vehicles buried by waters spilling from the Cagayan de Oro River.

'Sendong' brings city to its knees





COPING WITH DISASTER As residents wash their muddied clothes, a girl prepares to take a bath in Cagayan de Oro City.



FLOOD VICTIMS Villagers view the bodies of flash flood victims lying on a road in Cagayan de Oro.

Aid from local, foreign donors pours in

How to help

Food, hygiene kits

INQUIRER RELIEF DRIVE

'Spirit of Christmas'

Danger zones

Pope prays, US condoles

'A minute's delay could have been tragic'

He does not know how to tell the kids their mother is dead

Survivors tell tales of nightmare, fear, panic

Family heroine



CLEANUP Storm victims wash clothes next to an overturned vehicle in a village in Cagayan de Oro City.

Saving a life

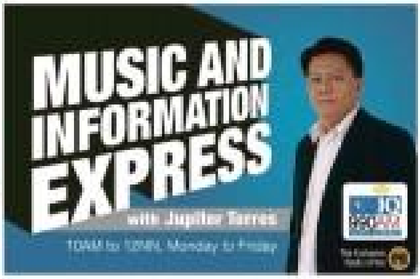
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Floods in a flash

Cheaper rice seeds in works

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HOLIDAY TRAFFIC SOLUTION

MMDA boosts Edsa force

By Jeannette I. Andrade

THE METROPOLITAN Manila Development Authority (MMDA) will deploy an additional 150 traffic constables to augment the agency's "Edsa 500" to ease traffic on the major thoroughfare for the holidays.

Skills upgrade

Assistance for motorists





RECYCLING COPS

EPD: No 'tiangge' but drugs still a problem

By Nina Calleja





BIRD'S EYE VIEW

American caught stealing guard's handheld radio

METRO
Citizen's call
4467

Antipedestrian

Cause of traffic

Vendors occupy footbridge

No to dump

Road repair needed

Smells like trouble



TWINKLE, TWINKLE LITTLE STARS
Why go to Pampanga province when you can see glittering and colorful Christmas lanterns on display on a busy street in Quezon City?

Lim, Moreno end rift over 2013 mayoral elections

By Jaymee T. Gamil

TOGETHER again.

Months after they were rumored to be at odds with each other over the 2013 mayoral elections, Manila Mayor Alfredo Lim and Vice Mayor Francisco "Isko Moreno" Domagoso appear to have patched things up.

On Friday, Lim announced his desire to bequeath his post to Domagoso.

"Vice Mayor Isko is a certain to be mayor after me. Why should we pick someone else? I want him to be my replacement because we both came from poor families," Lim said at a Christmas gathering for barangay officials in ...

Domagoso, meanwhile, thanked Lim in a press statement. "Sorry to disappoint our detractors and political opponents, but I will not run for mayor and I will run alongside Mayor Lim in 2013. It's still Lim-Isko," he said.

His statement put to rest rumors that he will be running against Lim or become the running mate of one of the mayor's rivals.


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Arabs threaten to take Syria to UN

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Medvedev urges reform of Russian system

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Manning showed warning signs before WikiLeaks

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Turkey slams France over genocide bill

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PM denies use of violence as Cairo crackdown goes on

CAIRO—Egypt's military rulers escalated a bloody crackdown on street protesters on Saturday, chasing down and beating unarmed civilians, even while the prime minister was denying in a televised news conference that security forces were using any force.



PROTESTERS and police clash near Tahrir Square on Dec. 17.

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New York Times News Service

Australia blamed as migrant boat sinks off Java

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Last US troops pull out of Iraq

Killing of Bin Laden voted 2011 top story



Osama bin Laden's death

Japan's triple disaster

Arab spring

EU fiscal crisis

US economy

Penn State sex mess

Gadhafi toppled in Libya

US fiscal showdowns

Occupy Wall Street protests

Gabrielle Giffords shot

Other stories


Globe gets me.
We all have our own
versions of Christmas.
From the ways we decorate,
to the reasons we celebrate.
Lahat, iba iba.
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■ **Juvic officially crowned new No. 1** /A38





Tigers boot out Llamados

Early exit for No. 1 seed

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Final epic climb awaits resolute Romi Garduce

Famed Pinoy mountaineer sets out to cap rare 'Seven Summits' feat



HE HATED his first mountain-climbing experience.

Seven highest mountains

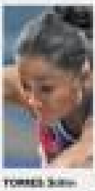
Quest draws GMA 7 support



Odyssey starts in Kilimanjaro

Unpredictable weather

Major athletics revamp: veterans on chop block



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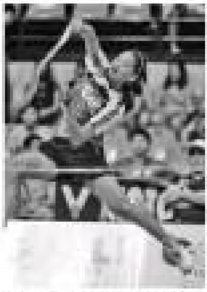
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ONE GAME AT A TIME



Tigers boot out top-ranked Llamados in thriller



2 PH squads forge pre-ABL c'ship clash



Alcala siblings gain Singapore Youth finals

Taiwanese ace Chang turns back Gomez

By Marc Anthony Reyes



Resurgent Tigresses collar Lady Bulldogs



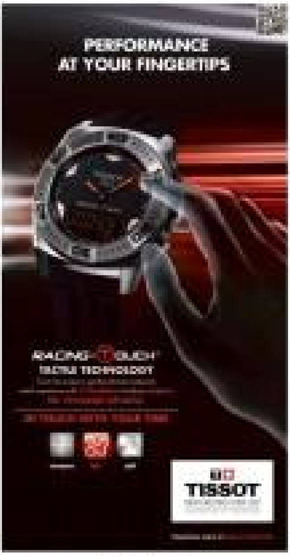
UFL promotes three teams to first division

By Cedelf P. Tupas

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SPORTS

Juvic officially crowned new No.1





Tabuena loses Asian Tour card by $250

Thompson, 16, youngest LPGA, Euro Tour winner



THOMPSON



Pospia, 10, bags 3 golds in Coseteng swimfest



BUSINESS

Ayala eyes stake in SLEx expansion

35.9-km tollway from Alabang to Batangas

THE AYALA group has expressed interest to invest in the South Luzon Expressway (SLEx) concession as part of its foray into the tollroad business, which is also seen adding value to its strategic property development projects.

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By the staff

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Foiled bank bidding





IMF expects PH banks to remain stable in 2012

Exec notes sufficient capitalization

By Michelle V. Remo

THE International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the Philippine banking sector was expected to remain stable throughout 2012 even under a scenario where the debt crisis in the euro zone persisted and dragged economies outside the region.

Vivek Arora, the multilateral agency's mission chief for the Philippines, has echoed projections that banks in the Philippines were likely to continue operating smoothly despite uncertainties in the global front given their sufficient capitalization and liquidity.

"The indicators for the country's banking sector remain quite strong, and capitalization is high," Arora told reporters last week following an evaluation on the country's economy conducted by an IMF team that he headed.

There is a reason, among economists that the debt woes in the euro zone will take longer than initially expected to be resolved and that the crisis may have some more spillover effects to other economies in 2012.

In this case, banks are not expected to be immune given the high correlation of their financial stability with that of an economy.

For instance, the euro zone may continue dragging down demand of the euro zone for goods, thus dampening export earnings of exporting countries like the Philippines. Consequently, investment initiatives and demand for loans from export-oriented firms may shrink and their ability to service existing debts may be affected, thus affecting incomes of banks.

In the case of the Philippine banking sector, however, the IMF said adequate capitalization gives banks the ability to absorb losses from the risks brought by the euro zone debt crisis' adverse impact on exports.

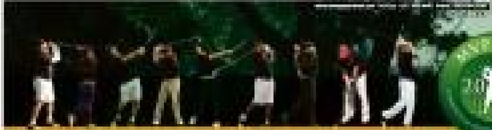
The IMF sees banks in the Philippines weathering the impact of the crisis in the West through servicing of higher demand for loans and other financial services from firms outside the export sector.

Arora said the worst-case scenario wherein banks would significantly reduce lending to businesses because of the debt crisis in the euro zone was not likely to happen in the Philippines, at least in 2012.

Meantime, Arora said there was no pressure at the moment for the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas to adjust its key policy rates.

He said the policy rates, which influence commercial interest rates, were still quite low in the Philippines and this should support efforts to boost economic growth.



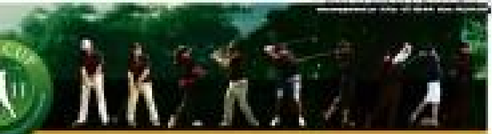


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San Sebastian Church	6:00AM
Queen of the Apostles Seminary	
Shrine of Our Lady of Grace, Caloocan City	6:45AM
Our Mother of Perpetual Help Church, Baclaran, Manila	6:45AM
Minor Basilica of the Black Nazarene, Quiapo, Manila	7:00AM
Sta. Cruz Church, Manila	8:00AM
Holy Redeemer Church, Santa Clara, Ca.	Jan. 13, 2012
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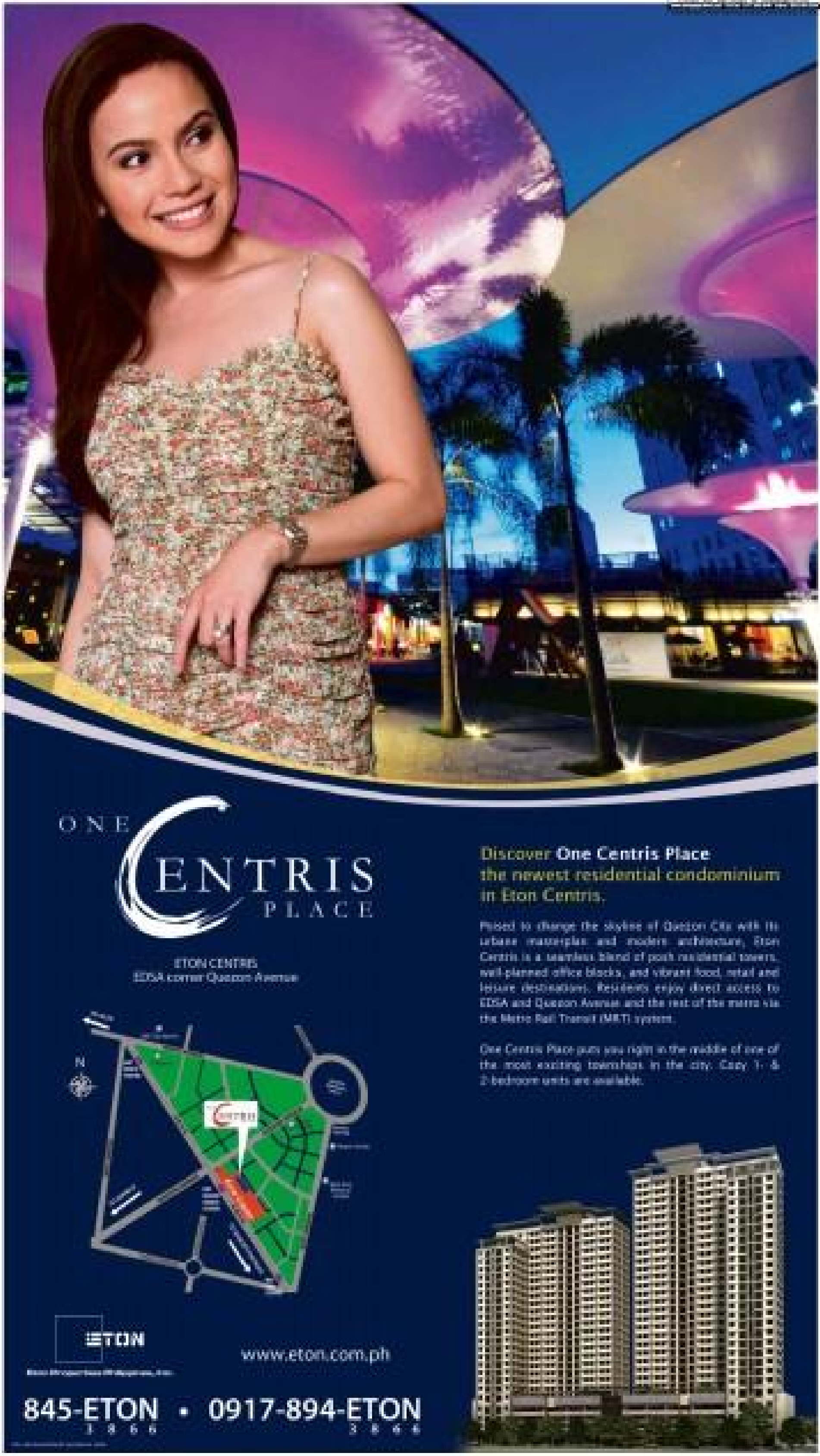
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ORE unit exceeds mining target

ALI to develop bourse's new HQ

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Meralco eyes ₱3B to fund 2012 capex

THANK YOU FOR MAKING US

MOST OUTSTANDING CORPORATION FOR CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN 2011



Earning and maintaining your trust is vital to the success of our operations. Listening to and engaging with our stakeholders help us identify and respond to concerns and improve how we operate. We are honoured to have been recognized as the "Most Outstanding Corporation in the Practice of Corporate Social Responsibility" in 2011 by the Federation of Philippine Industries (FPI), the umbrella organization of manufacturers and producers in the country.

In this Christmas season, we look back with gratitude at various recognition received for our sustainable development programmes. We regard these as a reflection of our stakeholders' continued trust, which greatly encourages us to further our aim to be a responsible company – working towards a better energy future for the next generations of Filipinos.



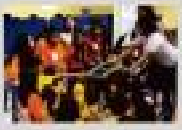
Support for the Transport Sector

Shell has been supporting the transport sector through lasting and sustainable means – which range from Shell's Pipeng Pasada Club, a loyalty programme for public transport drivers that provides free accident insurance and rewards, to our participation in the government's Pantawid Pasada fuel assistance programme for jeepney and tricycle drivers. Through our Gas Mo Bukas Ko II programme, we also provide various technical vocational scholarships for qualified dependents of transport workers.



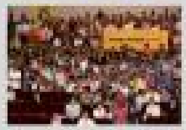
Movement Against Malaria

Our Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. (PSFI)'s malaria eradication programme has grown into a nationwide campaign covering 40 malaria endemic provinces. The Movement Against Malaria has been instrumental in reducing malaria morbidity and mortality, helping the country achieve its Millennium Development Goal targets.



Road Safety

Shell has been at the forefront of promoting road safety by educating motorists and pedestrians alike. We conduct Road Safety Camps for Children in local communities, and launched the Road Safety Flash Card Project with the Philippine Global Road Safety Partnership in 10 elementary schools in Manila.



Empowering the Youth

Last July, Shell fielded seven teams from the Philippines' top engineering schools to compete at the Shell Eco-marathon Asia 2011 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in a global quest to design, build and run a vehicle that can travel the farthest distance on the least amount of fuel.

We also invited 200 students to the 1st Shell Sustainable Development in Action Youth Congress at the University of Asia and the Pacific (UA&P), to engage on our aims to help meet future energy needs responsibly by delivering more energy and cleaner energy, and by offering our customers energy-efficient products.



Social Innovation towards development

Shell has contributed its paving systems technology for the construction of Gawad Kalinga (GK)'s Enchanted Farm in Angat, Bulacan, providing easier access to Gawad Kalinga's livelihood programmes that help improve the quality of life in local communities.



Energy Efficiency

We offer smarter energy for our customers, through our Shell fuels and lubricants as well as driving tips and programmes, to improve fuel efficiency.

"Amidst the challenges in our businesses, we have demonstrated the resilience of our sustainable development programmes, borne out of joint action with partners towards a shared vision of powering Philippine progress. This is what we are: good neighbour and good business."

- Edgar Chua, Country Chairman, Shell companies in the Philippines

Business

PAL seen ending 2011 in the red

Hit by high fuel cost, labor woes, low demand

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Rural electrification program gets ₱1.3B

Ayala eyes stake in SLEx . . .

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Stocks seen to consolidate

Business

More households investing part of remittances

By Michelle V. Remo

Power Situation Outlook for Monday, 19 December 2011

	Luzon	Visayas	Mindanao
Available Capacity (MW)	7,888	1,753	1,324
System Peak (MW)	6,825	1,406	1,227
Gross Reserve (MW)	1,063	347	97

THE NUMBER of Filipino households that invested a portion of the remittances they got from overseas-based family members rose in the fourth quarter, according to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

A BSP survey showed that 6.4 percent of remittance-dependent households put their money in various forms of investments, slightly higher than the 5.9 percent in the same period last year.

The survey, conducted in October, covered 350 Filipino households dependent on remittances from family members working abroad.

The BSP conducts this survey to monitor how Filipino households dependent on remittances use the money.

The BSP noted that despite the increase in the fourth quarter, the percentage of households that invest a portion of the remittances they receive was still small.

Officials said more households should so learn to invest part of the remittances so that they can earn more over the long term.

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Gov't urged to 'get real' on GDP targets

By [illegible]

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BUSINESS

Mining industry rolls out ₱1.5-B social program

Aimed at winning over communities, stakeholders

By Daxim L. Lucas

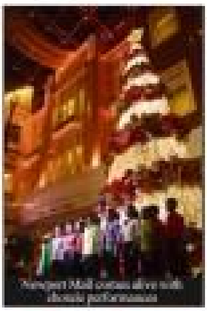
Slight increase in interest rates seen

By Ronnel W. Domingo

Smart meters fee exemption sought

By Amy R. Remo

RWManila celebrates the merriest holiday in a spectacular feast



Newport Mall comes alive with chorale performances



The Sound of Music at The Newport Performing Arts Theater



An artist's take on the iconic jeepney



The "Higante" lights up the crowd with their moves





Ending the year on a grand note

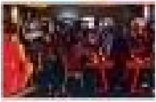


The Sound of Music plays on



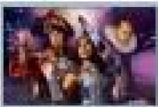


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World-class value hotel



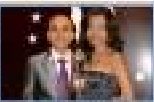


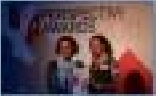
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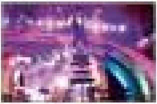
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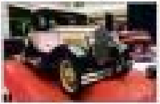






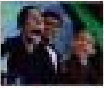


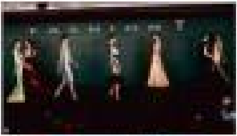














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BUSINESS Monday

Changing company culture, becoming the best

By Daniel L. Lucas

BY HER own account, she was dragged "kicking and screaming" into the family business just a few months after graduating from the Ateneo de Manila University in the mid-1990s.

But life—and her father—had other plans for Candice Gotianuy.

Known today as one of Cebu City's most prominent young personalities, this up-and-coming business leader, entrepreneur and educator initially wanted to become a lawyer and was all set to enter law school after she graduated from college.

At that time, she was just waiting for law school to start when her father flew to Manila and took her to a fancy dinner.

Her father is Cebu-based businessman and lawyer Augusto Go, who also owns the University of Cebu.

"I think he was afraid I was going to be a bum," she adds with a chuckle. "So he sat me down and said, 'I'm opening a new campus and I need you to run it.'"

"So as their graduation gift, some kids get to go abroad, or their parents gift them with a European trip, or they get a car," she said with a hint of envy. "I... got a school to run."

She admits that she initially resisted

CHANGING B5-2

How a reluctant heiress is transforming Cebu's education landscape


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Social business goes beyond social networking

MAPPING THE FUTURE



New business models

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Exponential

Changing company culture...



GOTIANUY is in charge of four campuses in Cebu.



WHENEVER her schedule permits, Gotianuy goes to her riding school in Lahug.



Making prudent money decisions this Christmas

Money huddle

HOW TO MAKE MINING PALATABLE?

Impose ISO-like mechanism to increase mine accountability

MOVEMENT

Globe welcomes new CIO

MAP's 63rd president

Insular Life book reaps awards

MBV takes over PCCI

Nokia appoints new head for Philippines, Indochina

For MWC, every drop of water counts



Bayan Business doubles the fun and the challenge to mark 5th Executive Golf Exclusive Tournament



Jojo Arayata, Bayan Business Head, teeing-off

An annual event highly anticipated by customers and partners alike, the Bayan Business Executive Golf Exclusive (EGE) Tournament is that time of the year when customers and partners leave their worries behind at their respective boardrooms and offices to hit the greens in an exciting lucrative romp from the maddening work crowd.

This year's thanksgiving golf tournament took place last October 20-22, 2011 and at the very place where it all began five years ago — at Cagayan De Oro. Attended by Bayan Telecommunications customers, partners and the media, what made it even more special was that the two-day tournament was held, for the very first time, in not just one but two golf courses in the city: **Pueblo de Oro Golf and Country Club and Del Monte Golf & Country Club.**

The tournament participants, who came from Manila, Cebu, Iloilo and Davao were flown in by Bayan Telecommunications directly to the "City of Golden Friendship" for the all-expense paid golf tournament and were accommodated at the lavish Hotel Koresco. To set a relaxing vibe for the coming tournament and allow them to get acquainted with each other, the players were welcomed by an 80s-themed party featuring a DJ and beer bong at the hotel's presidential suite. Likewise, the participating golfers received two sets of Nike golf attires as well as a Nike umbrella and a set of golf balls, from Bayan Business.

With their game faces on, this year's participating golfers kept the competition intense yet fun and enjoyable. From the ceremonial tee-off at Pueblo de Oro to the culminating day at Del Monte, there was never a dull moment for everyone with even one tournament day lasting well beyond sunset. Even as the players brought their A-game and in many instances, played like Tiger Woods, they still found time to often break into smiles, laughter and simply enjoy each other's company.

The excitement did not end with the tournament, however, as everyone, especially the gentlemen were treated to plenty of eye candy courtesy of a local theatrical version of a Victoria's Secret runway show that became the theme of another party to celebrate the awards ceremonies for the winners, which saw Joselito Gutierrez, as the lowest gross champion; and Manuel Luis Cruz, as the lowest net champion. For the division champions, the winners were: Alexander Blanco – Class A, Wilfredo Mabilin – Class B, Quiel Delgado – Class C, Maria Lourdes Valero – Ladies, and Jun Arrayata – Lopez Group of Companies.

Also part of the culminating night of the tournament was the candle-blowing ceremony for the 5th year anniversary of the EGE, which was then followed by a much-anticipated raffle, to commemorate the tournament's 5th year. Up for grabs for the lucky winners were: 5 PSPs, 5 Nike gift certificates, 5 iPods, 5 32" Samsung LCD TVs, 5 home theater system, 5 iPad2s and more!

As Bayan Telecommunications' way of thanking their customers and partners in their role in the company's success, the Bayan Business EGE tournament is once again a big hit with the invited participants. "EGE is our own little way of showing our appreciation for the support that our customers and partners have been giving us throughout the years, as we fulfill our mission to become the most preferred, trusted, reliable, and efficient partner in helping meet and achieve their business objectives," says Bayan Telecommunications COO Raffy T. Aguado.

The 5th Bayan Business EGE tournament was also made possible through the help of Bayan Telecommunications' sponsoring partners for the event, [illegible], Tata, Verizon, Amadeus, Rhino Holdings, ParSports and Club Car.

"EGE is our own little way of showing our appreciation for the support that our customers and partners have been giving us throughout the years, as we fulfill our mission to become the most preferred, trusted, reliable, and efficient partner in helping meet and achieve their business objectives"



2011 Bayan Business Executive Golf Exclusive Over-All Champion Joselito Gutierrez of Land Bank of the Philippines



Jojo Uligan, Executive Director, CCAP



The greens of Del Monte Golf and Country Club in Bukidnon



Raffy T. Aguado, Bayan Telecommunications COO



Beer bong, a highlight at the 80's party



Joseph Pineda of Bayan Business (left) with Engr. Diosdado Peras, COO of CDO-based Cable 21 Technologies



Happy golfers all: Albert Villalobos, GM-Amadeus; Quiel Delgado, GM-Verizon Business & Renan Ignacio – Technical & Innovations Manager-Amadeus



All White Party to cap the 5th Bayan Business EGE





At the Pueblo de Oro Golf and Country Club (left) for the first day of the tournament and Del Monte Golf and Country Club (right) for the final leg of the 5th EGE.



KEEPING IT TOGETHER

Eco-lighting for poor communities



PUYAT Steel employees flank My Shelter Foundation executive director Illac Diaz during the rollout of the "Liter of Light" program at the Quezon City Engineered Sanitary Landfill, in Payatas, Quezon City

After decades of providing quality affordable roofs for Filipino homes, Puyat Steel Corp., the country's pioneer world-class galvanizing company, is now part of the movement to provide indigent families with a solar light source at no cost at all.

Called Isang Litrong Liwanag (A Liter of Light), the campaign spearheaded by My Shelter Foundation, a non-profit and non-government organization, targets to bring the eco-friendly solar bottle bulb to low-income communities nationwide.

This light changes people's lives by providing 55 watts of free lighting, thus saving a poor household an average of [illegible] monthly for the next five years. Designed and developed by students from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), the improvised light bulb is made from a recycled bottle, some household chemicals and a piece of corrugated sheet.



VOLUNTEERS from Puyat Steel Corp. and other organizations help assemble solar bottle bulbs

Said Puyat Steel's communication manager Missy Castro, "When Illac Diaz approached us to join the project, we decided to give 100 GI sheets for free upon learning how the project will make lives better for poor households."

Puyat Steel provided the APO Galflex GI corrugated sheets used to provide the improvised solar light bulbs to more than 200 families in the Payatas Community. The company's employees also volunteered to assemble the solar light bulbs for this community.

"We find the Isang Litrong Liwanag project really commendable and we hope to join the project in lighting up more communities in the future," said Castro.

Established in 2007 by its founder and executive director Illac Diaz, My Shelter Foundation is a non-profit, non-government organization with a trust of finding uncommon solutions to common problems.

Puyat Steel Corp. has established the first ever state-of-the-art continuous galvanizing line that allows the company to offer superior quality galvanized sheet and coils using the modern technology of a non-oxidizing furnace.



SOLAR bottle bulbs, each made from a piece of APO Galflex GI corrugated sheet, a PET bottle and a solution of water and bleach, change people's lives by providing 55 watts of free lighting

Pollution to worsen this New Year



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EARLIER, environmental groups had confirmed that over the years, air pollution worsens during the holiday weeks.

For instance, in Jan. 2, 2011, immediately following the New Year's celebration, the environmental group EcoWaste said "the TSP levels in Metro air would have been much worse during and immediately after the New Year's Eve revelry with the massive lighting of firecrackers and fireworks." [illegible]

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'CW Home Depot is looking forward to next year's presentation in partnership with Philippine Contractors Association'





CW Home Depot Main Booth



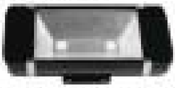
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Couple this city high-rise development with its unmatched track record in conceptualizing such luxury and leisure development as the Orchard Residential Estate and Golf and Country Club, the Splendido golf and country club in Tagaytay, Club Morocco and other plush properties, and you have a formula for the next hot trend in property which Sta. Lucia has already mastered down the path: the Sta. Lucia Residenze.



The new mall in Sta.Lucia Residenze

Levelling Up

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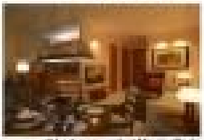
Studio unit at Monte Carlo

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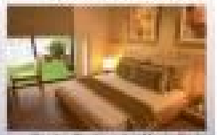
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Breaking Ground

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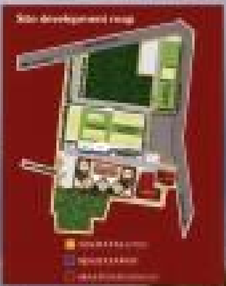
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MVP Bossing Awardees:

The Masters of the Art of Business

The spirit of entrepreneurship is more pronounced in Filipinos now than ever before. More and more people are recognizing the perks and challenges of being their own *Bossing*. But more than the personal and financial gain, these entrepreneurs are becoming the lifeblood of the Philippine economy.

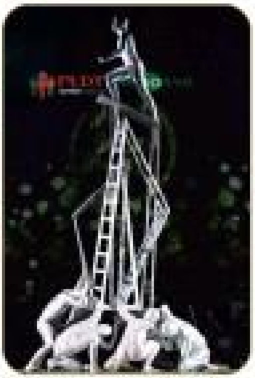




Grand Bossing

The trophy, unveiled

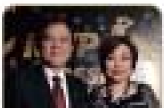














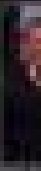






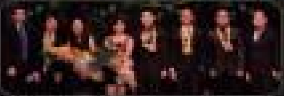
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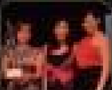
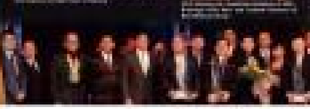







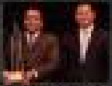



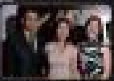
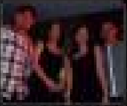


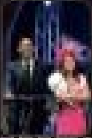
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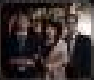
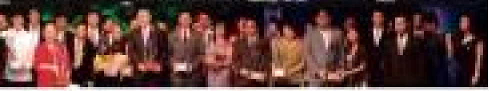







MVP Bossing Awards Victory Ball

Celebrating triumphs and partnerships





The Crystal awards then segued to a festive night of merriment as the party went from the carpets of the ... to the masquerade party organized by PLDT SME Nation.

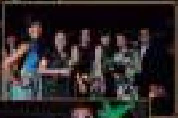
Bossings, guests and PLDT officials wined, dined and mingled through the night, as several entertainment artists like Mardi Gras performers from Club Mwah, belly dancers, Ciara Sotto's pole dancing troupe and the Salsa Latino band added life to the party.

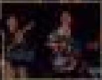
Prizes were also raffled off to lucky guests ranging from a pair of round trip tickets to the USA from Delta Airlines, Apple iPads, SMART Netphones, LED TVs and the grand prize, a brand new Chevrolet Cruze which was eventually won by Bossing ... Les Reyes.

Aside from the usual raffle prizes, guests also participated in an auction, bidding for the benefit of the PLDT-Smart Foundation (PSF). Some items auctioned off were a Lazy-Boy recliner and the latest Piaggio scooter that raised more than one hundred thousand pesos to be donated to the PSF.

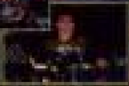


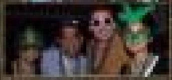










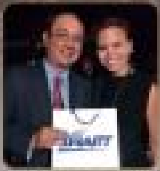


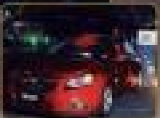






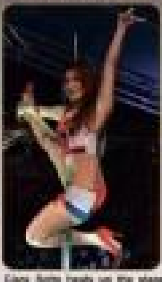


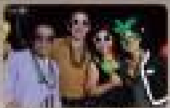


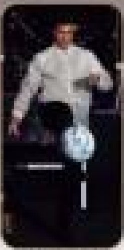


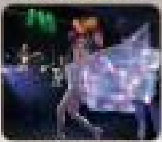


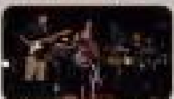
























BRAVO! BEST OF THEATER 2011

The year the Theater Artist cried 'Ouch!'

A tyro indie filmmaker's remark that he likes hiring theater actors because 'you can feed them cat food' galvanizes the Philippine theater community







The year the Theater Artist cried 'Ouch!'



PETA'S "William," written by Rex Cayloding, with dramaturgy by Rody Vera and direction by Maribel Legarda

Best Play (One-Act)

Best Play (Full-Length)

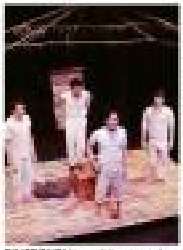


PETA'S "Care Divas," written by Liza Magtoto, with words and music by Vince de Jesus and direction by Maribel Legarda



MENCHU Lauchengco-Yulo and Jett Pangan in Atlantis Productions' "Next to Normal," directed by Bobby Garcia

Best Actor-Play



DINGDONG Novenario's one-act play "Kalsilyo," directed by JK Anicoche



JOEL Lamangan in the Dulaang UP production of Floy Quintos' "Fake," directed by Tony Mabesa

Best Actress-Play

Best Featured Actor-Play

Best Featured Actress-Play

Best Musical

Best Actor-Musical

Best Actress-Musical

Best Featured Actor-Musical

Best Featured Actress-Musical

Best Director

Artistic and technical standouts

Landmark CD collection by Swiss organist highlights historic Philippine pipe organs



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By Pablo A. Tariman
Contributor

THE COUNTRY'S historic pipe organs are featured in the CD collection "Historical Organs of the Philippines," performed and recorded by highly [illegible] Swiss organist Guy Bovet.

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Celestial sounds

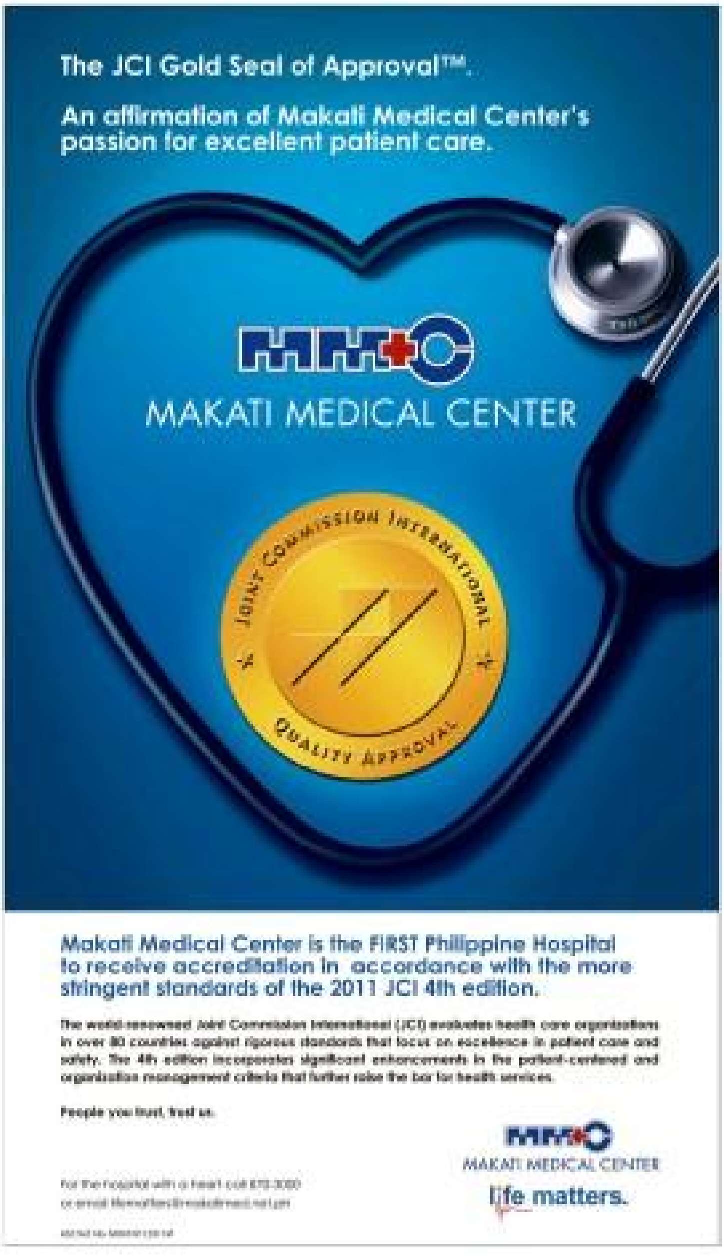
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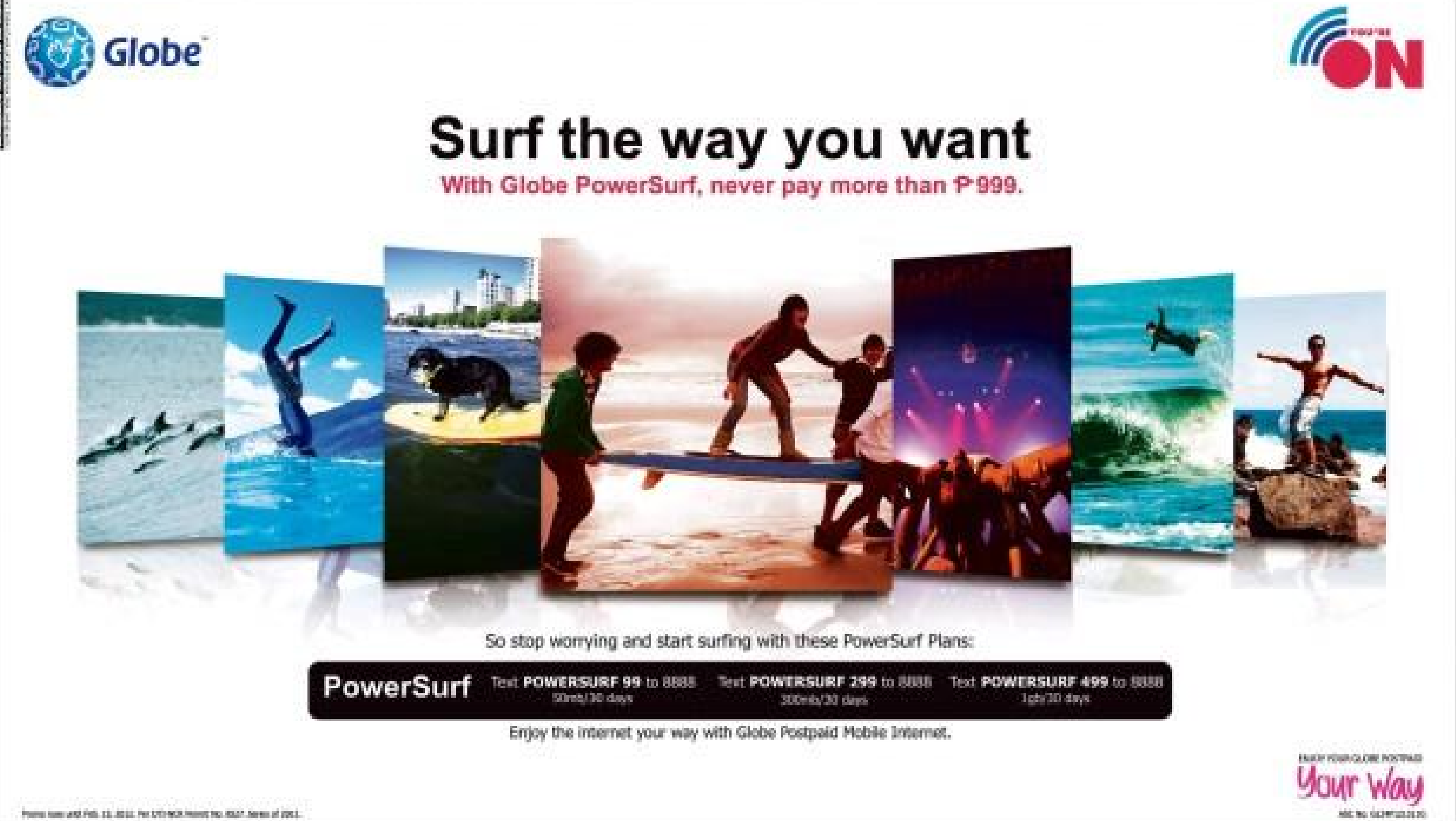
Labor of love

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"What is uniquely appealing about pipe organs in the Philippines is that they are part of the country's history," Bovet said. "The earlier the Filipinos understand that, the earlier we can do something about the future of organ music in the country."






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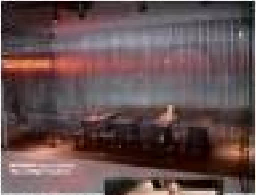
Exhibition traces the roots of Modern Art in the Philippines

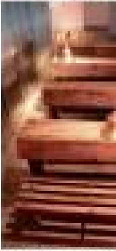


Chabet's 'Day and Night' at Paseo Gallery: A silent indiscretion, quietly political



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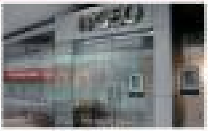




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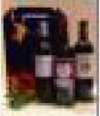






"He helped Philippine [illegible] away from 'parochial isolation' by placing it in the mainstream of international culture"

Noche Buena Food and Wine Pairing Guide





Noche Buena with Juday

Without a doubt, Christmas is one of the most important holidays in the Philippines. There are many ways that people celebrate it, but most importantly every family has a Noche Buena – a special meal where people gather together and rejoice.

Directly translated to "Good Night", the Noche Buena tradition started in colonial times and remains a very integral part of our culture, even now. It is celebrated in other countries like Spain, Cuba, and Latin America in various ways. Most commonly, Noche Buena is shared after a late Mass – friends and family come over and begin festivities with some appetizers before proceeding to a sumptuous multi-course dinner.



All these countries have different ways of celebrating Christmas, but at the heart of it all, the message is the same. This is the time to reflect on the year that passed, to count our blessings and be thankful for the presence of those we love. Indeed, sharing a meal encapsulates this, therefore the Noche Buena is considered a truly meaningful feast.

As a mom and a culinary arts expert, Judy Ann Santos-Agoncillo is no stranger to preparing such feasts. The penchant for perfection that she acquired from her culinary classes translates well in her preparations, not only for the taste of her food but also in their presentation. Christmas only comes once a year, so she makes sure that everything is memorable and perfect.



While many of her friends – including husband Ryan and kids Yohan and Lucho – will surely attest that she has her own Christmas specialties, the multi-awarded actress admits that Christmas would never be the same without her favorite Goldilocks treats. "Ever since I was a kid, Christmas time is Goldilocks time. Ganyan naman talaga yata kapag Filipino ka," Juday pointed out.



In fact, Juday's favorite Foodshop products are mainstays in the Goldilocks Funfeast packages. "I love to cook and create, but it can get too tiring during this season," she explained. "With the Goldilocks Party Funfeast, isang tawag lang, instant Christmas celebration na para sa maraming bisita," Juday further mentioned.

Of course, being the country's number one bakeshop, every Goldilocks meal must culminate with an exceptional cake – and none would fit the season better than the Goldilocks Black Velvet Cake. This velvety rich and creamy choco cream cheese and buttercream-filled masterpiece is the perfect dessert for a sumptuous Christmas feast. "Super classy yung presentation niya, with chocolate ganache, whipped cream and a maraschino cherry to top it all," said Judy Ann, who knows quite a lot about cakes. "Most importantly, its got that inimitable Goldilocks goodness," she enthused.



One thing is for sure: the Santos - Agoncillo household will have a Goldi-good Noche Buena this year, which is likewise a fitting welcome into the Goldilocks family.



LIFESTYLE Arts&Books



Our Top 10 books for 2011

Titles range from magical novels to election reportage

By Ruel S. De Vera

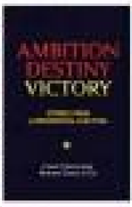


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"Ambition Destiny Victory: Stories from a Presidential Election" by Clay F. Hofileña and Miriam Grace A. Go (Cacho Publishing House)

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"Steve Jobs" by Walter Isaacson (Simon & Schuster)

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"In the Garden of the Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin" by Erik Larson (Crown Publishers)

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"A Dance with Dragons: A Song of Ice and Fire Book Five" by George R.R. Martin (Bantam)

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"The Night Circus" by Erin Morgenstern (Doubleday)

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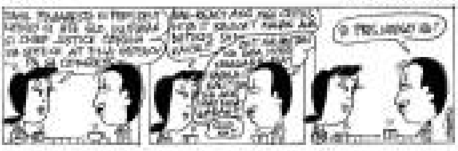
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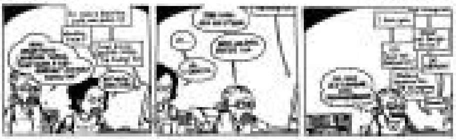
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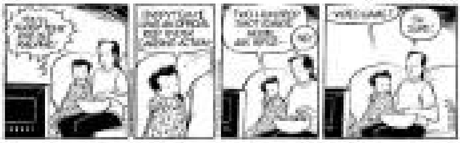
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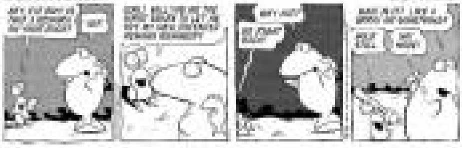
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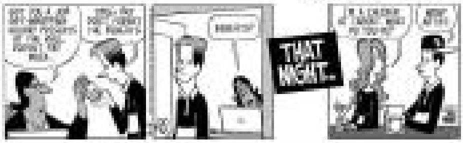
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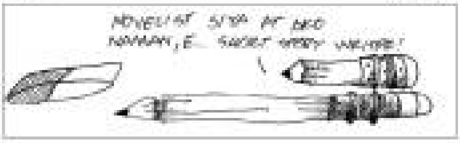
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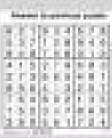


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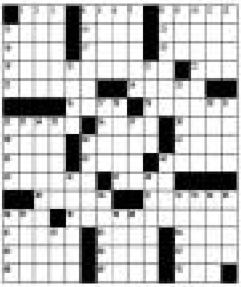
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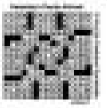
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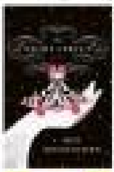
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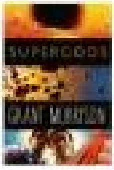












New book on Emilio Jacinto launched



University of the East holds Christmas concert

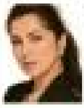
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Editor Emmie G. Velarde



Alice Dixson "MOTHER material for me. I just want continued good health so I can fulfill all my responsibilities to my family, my community and myself." Alice Policarpio, contributor

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METRO MANILA FILM FESTIVAL



Kris Aquino as a haunted woman

(We are running this guide to help moviegoers plan their holiday cinema tour. The 37th MMFF runs from Dec. 25 to Jan. 7, 2012.)

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Marinel R. Cruz

Naughty or nice?



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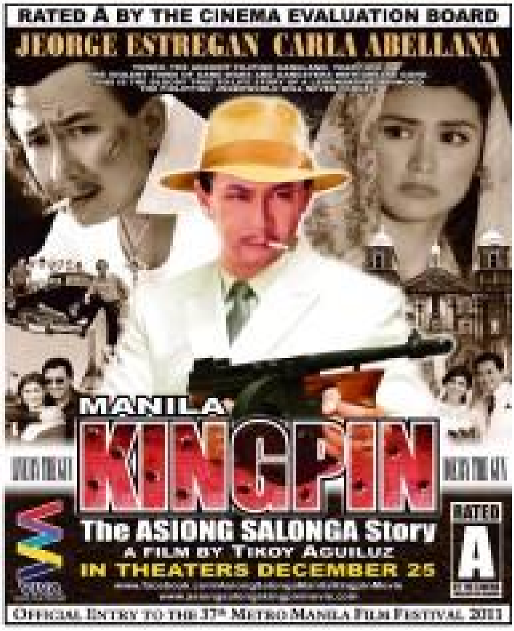
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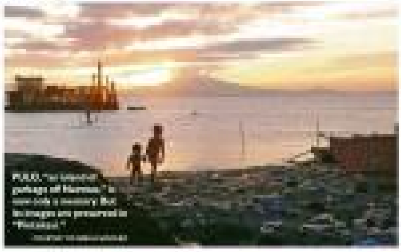
Naughty...

Rolling in the deep

Chris Martinez, who wrote 'Kimmy Dora' and 'Babae sa Septic Tank,' takes horror seriously









'We export animators, they work in major studios, but we still can't call any single cartoon franchise our own'

A painted reality





Ballet Manila's 'Kutitap'

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Living Stars



LOUIE Heredia

What stars are thankful for

Singer Louie Heredia

Actress Mercedes Cabral

Bayani San Diego Jr.



MERCEDES Cabral



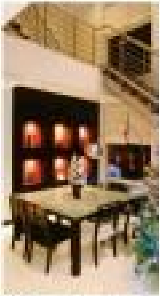
Britney's about to do it again

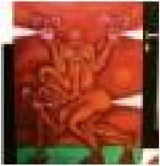




BRITNEY Spears, right, with Jason Trawick in Beverly Hills, Ca., earlier this year. They have been dating since 2009. On Friday, Trawick announced that they are engaged.

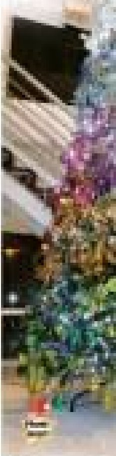
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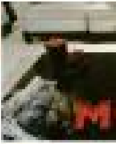


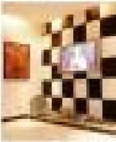




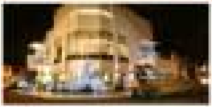


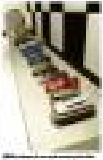


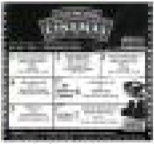


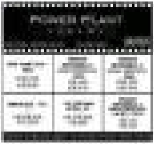


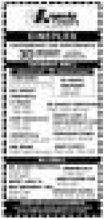


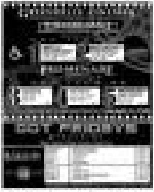


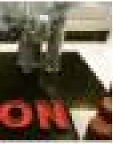


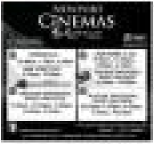

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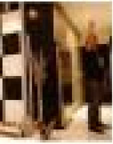

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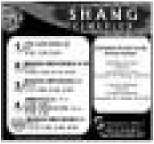







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Elizabeth Taylor collection snapped up at prices way higher than estimates



CHRISTIE'S employees take photo-bids

NEW YORK—A week-long auction in New York of the late Elizabeth Taylor's vast collection of luxury dresses, jewels and art works wound down Friday with total sales topping $150 million.

The final round of five sales at Christie's saw movie memorabilia snapped up at prices many times higher than presale estimates.

A folding wood-and-leather director's chair for the 1967 western "Poker Alice" sold for $86,500, compared to estimates of $3,000-$5,000.

Taylor's copy of the script to "National Velvet"—the 1944 film that made her a worldwide child star—fetched $170,500, compared to $2,000-$3,000 presale estimates. Her script for "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," from 1958, fetched $104,500.

Extraordinary

The actress died in March at the age of 79, leaving behind an extraordinary estate amassed during her glamorous life as a screen star and high-maintenance beauty.

Previous five sessions of the auction this week earned millions of dollars amid frenzied bidding for Taylor's clothes, handbags, art, and jewelry.

Total sales exceeded $150 million Friday, with art works on catalogue, including an



"LA PEREGRINA"

Andy Warhol candy box that sold for $230,500, three times the estimate, and a line drawing by Warhol of a pair of lips, inscribed: "To Elizabeth a big kiss Andy Warhol." This sold for $242,500, compared to the $8,000 estimate.

A photograph of Taylor's friend Michael Jackson, inscribed "To My True Love, Elizabeth," realized $146,500, compared to the $2,000-$3,000 estimate.

On Thursday it had been the turn for Taylor's collection of designer handbags and other accessories.

This followed Wednesday's sale of haute couture dresses, including the gown worn to one of Taylor's seven weddings. The diamond and gold wedding bands given by two-time husband Richard Burton sold for just over $1 million.

The first day of the auction Tuesday saw a record-setting $116 million sell-off of Taylor's fabulous jewels.

The highlight was a huge pearl known as "La Peregrina" once worn by European royalty and bought by Burton for Taylor in 1969. It sold for a record $11.84 million after having been given an estimated worth of $2-3 million.

An emerald and diamond necklace by Bulgari went for $6.1 million. AFP



A YELLOW chiffon wedding dress.